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SUBJ: SINO-US TALKS: Press Photographs before 135th Meeting

1. LO called SIMONS at 1000 Jan. 19 with following statement.

QUOTE Journalists have asked us (for permission) to take pictures in the meeting room before the talks begin.

After taking pictures they will leave the room. Our side has already expressed agreement to this. On instruction, I inform you of this matter. END QUOTE.

2. Simons called Lo back at 1025 and said QUOTE Concerning photographs, I assume that your side informed us of it because there is mutual agreement that such matters must be previously agreed. Further to this, on instruction I inform you that our side also agrees that pictures (may) be taken in the meeting room before the talks begin. CLOSE QUOTE.

3. Embassy is not volunteering this information to correspondents here, but if asked, will state that we

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have no objection to photographers and refer them to Chinese Embassy as host for this meeting. If question arises at noon press briefing suggest you state that you understand photographers will be permitted into meeting room for brief period prior to commencement of meeting, but decline further comment.

4. COMMENT: This is first time since September, 1966, meeting that Chinese have agreed to permit photographers into meeting room and is surprising, particularly since this session being held in their Embassy. We assume that this is one further step in Chinese moves to play up talks for benefit of Moscow, but nevertheless find it an encouraging sign of flexibility.

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